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'We will breathe new life' into 76ers

- Harris ushers in new era of Sixers basketball
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▶ Wharton School alum and Wall Street billionaire Joshua Harris officially took the helm of a new ownership partnership yesterday.

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Three men admit guilt in CBP slay

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Council mulls $200 condo tax credits

Many of 33,000 condos in city pay for garbage collection, but don't actually receive it Streets Dept. says credit would cost city $6 million

Condominium owners cheered yesterday as City Council moved forward with legislation that would give condo and co-op owners who live in buildings serviced by private trash pickups a tax break to make up for the municipal trash service cost included in their property taxes.

"Individuals pay the same real estate taxes as other property owners in the city," said Gary Krimstock, counsel for Greater Philadelphia Condo Managers Association. "But they don't receive trash collection."

Streets Commissioner Clarena Tolson said the bill, which would give a $200 credit to many city condo owners, would cost the city's general fund $5.6 million each year.

Councilman Jim Kenney said that only 3,700 of those condominiums choose to be serviced by city trash collection, which mandates that residents either have a Dumpster or line up bags of trash on the curb.

"People have been treated unfairly at least 10 years, probably 30. If you want to do a counting analysis, let's figure out what services condo owners haven't been getting for at least 10 years," said Kenney, who sponsored the bill, along with Councilman Frank DiCicco. "It would certainly pay for the tax credit now."

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▶ Kenney introduced a similar bill in 2002, but then-Mayor John Street vetoed it.

In the news

Chopper went to chop shop

A U.S. Marine from central New Jersey has been charged with stealing $760,000 of aluminum helicopter landing pads and other metal. Between August 2010 and February, Sgt. Christopher Cook, 28, allegedly sold stolen equipment to scrap dealers for $50,000.

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Detention center costs rise $16M

Also given preliminary approval yesterday was a bill allocating an additional $16 million to the Youth Studies Center being built in West Philadelphia, which has run over budget due to weather-related construction delays and problems with the initial contractor.

Most of the money would come from a fund created by the state for public safety projects as reimbursement for some of the costs to design the Curran-Fromhold Correctional Facility. METRO/AW

"Because we are vertical, we are considered second class homeowners, not the same as those who live on a horizontal basis. The solution is really simple — it's about fairness and it's about time."
MARSHA BACAL, LONGTIME SOCIETY HILL TOWERS RESIDENT

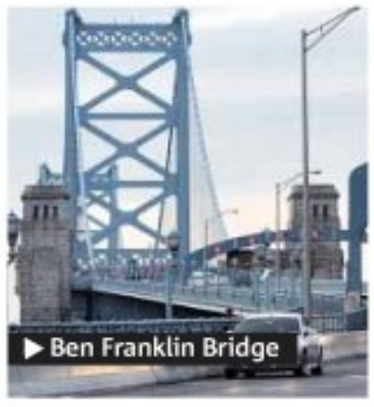
"They pay twice — once in taxes and once for private pickup."
GARY KRIMSTOCK, GREATER PHILADELPHIA CONDO MANAGERS ASSOCIATION

"Everybody's pretty broke right now. It's not just cities that are experiencing the poor economy. ... [Condo owners] are experiencing the poor economy, too, and paying for but still not getting their trash picked up."
KENNEY

Apartment high-rise proposed for Old City

OLD CITY. Looking to capitalize on the new Race Street Pier, developers introduced a plan to build high-rise apartments on Second Street, next to the Ben Franklin Bridge.

The Brown-Hill project would be 178 feet tall, well above the 65-foot height restrictions in the zoning code. Old City Civic Association and the Preservation Society say it is incompatible with the historic fabric of the area. METRO/SDL



▶ Ben Franklin Bridge

Three men murdered

PHILADELPHIA. Three men were shot and killed in separate shootings Monday night.

The first slaying occurred at Pratt Street and Oxford Avenue at about 11:15 p.m. when police found a 36-year-old dead inside a car. The victim had reportedly gotten into a verbal fight inside of El Ran's Place about 15 minutes before he was shot.

Officers later found the last victim, LaJuan Morrison, 29, laying in the street in Juniata Park shortly after midnight. METRO/AW

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After mistrial, guilty pleas in ballpark murder

Three Fishtowners admit to roles in slaying of David Sale at stadium complex Each faces up to 40 years

Instead of facing a second jury trial, three men accused in the beating death of a Lansdale man outside Citizens Bank Park in 2009 pleaded guilty yesterday to voluntary manslaughter and conspiracy.

Charles Bowers, James Groves and Francis Kirchner admitted their roles in the deadly assault on David Sale, 22, in parking lot K on July 25, 2009. Sale was part of a small group attending the Phillies game for a bachelor party, while the three defendants were among 60 or so people from Mo's Tavern in Fishtown.

A sentencing hearing is scheduled for Dec. 20, and the three could face a maximum of 40 years in prison.

Last month, Judge Shelley Robins New declared a mistrial based on prosecutorial misconduct and called for a retrial. Defense attorneys filed a motion claiming double jeopardy, which New was scheduled to hear yesterday. The hearing was delayed as the defendants agreed to the plea deals, which were similar to offers from prosecutors before the trial.

New continued a gag order for the attorneys, which prohibits them from talking to the media until after sentencing.

"I'm very sorry for any actions of mine that caused you to lose a family member. I can't imagine how hard it's been, not just for you, but for everybody." BOWERS

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Dranoff proposes third S. Broad high-rise

CENTER CITY. Developer Carl Dranoff introduced plans to build a third residential tower on South Broad Street yesterday before the city Planning Commission.

The project would feature ground-floor retail with luxury apartments at the northeast corner of Broad and South streets.

Neighbors complained about the project exceeding the 35-foot height limit on South Street, noting that it would cast shadows on Rodman Street residences.

A hearing is Nov. 1 in City Council on spot zoning legislation for the $30 million project.

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Biden in Philly to push jobs

Vice President Joe Biden was at the University of Pennsylvania yesterday to push the American Jobs Act, specifically its goal to hire more teachers, police officers and firefighters by increasing taxes on those who make more than $1 million.

"We're out here, not playing politics, but going above their heads," Biden said. "The president said, 'We're going to go to the American people, take a piece of the jobs bill at a time and bring it to the people.'"

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Biden was his normal bombastic self in West Philadelphia.

SCRUB: No one sees trees for billboards

Some odd changes to the landscape along the Vine Street Expressway has the city's leading anti-blight group up in arms, notably several trees that have been "topped" off to make a billboard more visible.

"Residents are very upset about this and it's not the first time people have called to complain," Mary Tracy of the Society Created to Reduce Urban Blight said. She added that "the woman who originally complained to SCRUB talked to landscapers on the Vine Street Expressway. The landscapers told her that Clear Channel sent them to trim the trees and claimed they had permission to do so."

A spokesman for Clear Channel Communications couldn't comment when reached by e-mail Monday.

"We don't really know who owns the trees. Everyone is pointing fingers at who is responsible."
FRANCIS RYAN, SCRUB'S LEGAL AND DEVELOPMENT COORDINATOR

SCRUB said the city did not know of and does not have control over landscaping along the Vine Street Expressway and that the state Department of Transportation owns the green space along Interstate 676.

"This is not an isolated incident. This could be very possible in many other areas," added Tracy. "People have to notice, call and complain." KARI BESTRYCKI

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Public lines up for new low-cost appliance that slashes heat bills

Amish craftsmen vow to keep up with rush for brand-new Hybrid-Thermic 'Miracle Heater'

Uses about the same energy as a coffee maker per hour, so just plug it in and never be cold again

Everyone hates high heat bills. But we're all sick of turning the thermostat down and freezing our buns off.

That's why Sears hit a home-run with the first-ever low-cost appliance with Hybrid-Thermic™ heat technology, which no other heater can claim.

The brand-new Heat Surge HT sips so little energy, you can run it all day or all night for just about a buck.

This modern marvel, hailed as the 'Miracle Heater,' caused such a frenzy at Sears stores with none in stock, one shopper refused to leave, forcing managers to hand over the floor model.

So now, immediate action is being taken to give more people, more ways to get them.

Beginning at 8:30 a.m. today, readers are allowed to phone in to snag one. Heat Surge even posted a 2-Day Double Coupon which has been reprinted on this page for today's readers to use.

By using this coupon, everyone who calls is being rewarded with $227. That makes this remarkable new home appliance a real steal at just $299. The Double Coupon Deal also entitles you to free home delivery. So now everyone has a fair shot at getting one.

"The Heat Surge HT is a revolutionary appliance that can easily roll from room to room. But we didn't want it to look like some metal box that just sits there. So we turned to our Amish craftsmen and now each one is made to look like a sleek, slim fireplace that has no real flames and is totally safe to the touch. All you do is just plug it in," said Director of Technology, Dave Martin.

A shy but now famous Amish craftsman known as Melvin said, "Folks know about our quality. No particle board, just real wood. Fully-assembled by our own hands and we're making these cabinets right here in the good ole USA."

And according to an avalanche of Heat Surge consumer reviews the company has good reason to boast an overwhelming **CONSUMER 'BEST BUY.'**

"Folks are saving money with the new Heat Surge HT," said Kris Rumel, the analyst tracking the impact Heat Surge is having on consumer heat bills.

"But be aware of the fakes out there. Accept no imitations. If it does not have the Heat Surge name on it, it is not real Amish and it's not Hybrid-Thermic™. I repeat, if it does not say 'Heat Surge,' you are getting ripped off," Rumel said.

The Heat Surge HT has earned the coveted UL certification and is protected by a limited full year replacement and 30-day Satisfaction Guarantee.

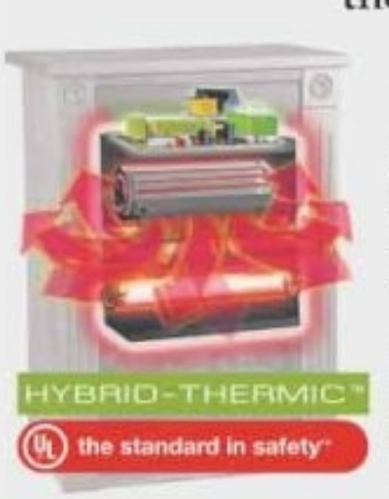
So for readers hoping to get the new Heat Surge for themselves and take care of Christmas gifts, there is good news.

You can use the Double Coupon more than once. But there is a catch. You can only get away with it by calling the National Appliance Center at 1-888-226-6501 before the coupon expires two days from the date of today's publication. ■

■ **GOTTA HAVE ONE:** An eager crowd awaits the new Heat Surge HT. "I heard so much about the Amish Miracle Heater but couldn't find where to get one," said Mary Straun. Readers can now call the National Appliance Center at 1-888-226-6501 to use the extraordinary Double Coupon that also gets you free delivery.

■ **BLANKET FREE COMFORT:** "We just couldn't take another winter of always being cold. And as an early Christmas gift, we got one for the kids to help them with their heat bills," Julia White said.

How It Works: You get 74° of bone-soothing room heat even when the home thermostat is turned down to 59° with the first-ever Heat Surge HT



The revolutionary Heat Surge HT is the first-ever appliance with Hybrid-Thermic™ technology, an engineering genius so advanced, it actually uses a micro-furnace from the Coast of China and a thermal heat exchanger to perform its miracles. Together, this Hybrid-Thermic heat takes care of all the cold spots. In fact, it actually produces Ortho-Thermic™, bone-soothing heat.

This modern marvel saves you money based on a U.S. average that says it uses only about 9¢ of energy an hour on the standard setting. But surprise, it's not just a metal box that belongs in a basement. The portable Heat Surge HT comes installed in a Amish-built wood cabinet made in the heartland of Ohio, measuring just 25" high, 18" wide, and 12" deep. It has the ambiance of a real fireplace, but it has no real flames and it's safe to the touch. It's so safe it's where the kids will play and the dog and cat will sleep. When it arrives, just plug it in.

How to get the Double Coupon Deal: Find your Weather Zone here

JUST 2 DAYS REMAIN: An extraordinary $227.00 Double Coupon Deal has been authorized for today's readers in three eligible Weather Zones to get the Heat Surge HT for just $299. To use, just locate the Weather Zone you live in on the map here and call the hotline number at the time shown for your zone. For those that beat the deadline, the Double Coupon also entitles you to FREE Shipping.

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Judgment waits for Camping followers

Failed doomsday phophet at it again, but this time with more modesty End of days predicted for Friday

Five months after falsely predicting that the world would end on May 21, Christian radio host Rev. Harold Camping is once again saying that the end is nigh. This time, though, he's doing it quietly.

Camping's predictions that the world would end back in May were preceded with a media blitz, with signs of the apocalypse emblazoned everywhere from billboards to buses to banner ads on websites. But when the world failed to end, Camping became a laughingstock.

Camping held on to his faith, and proclaimed a new date for the end of the world: Oct. 21. People

"The end is going to come very, very quietly, probably within the next month." CAMPING

laughed, and then generally moved on. But once again the date approaches. How is he handling the apocalypse the second time around? Very carefully, as it turns out.

There are no bus ads and no billboards this time, and no warnings of giant earthquakes and fiery volcanoes. Camping's newest statement, playing intermittently on Family Radio, advises that for nonbelievers the end will be soft and gentle.

Even the date, so prominent in the first campaign, has been de-emphasized. Camping merely warns "the end is going to come very, very quietly probably within the next month."

So don't worry, heathens: The world is only "probably" going to end on Friday.

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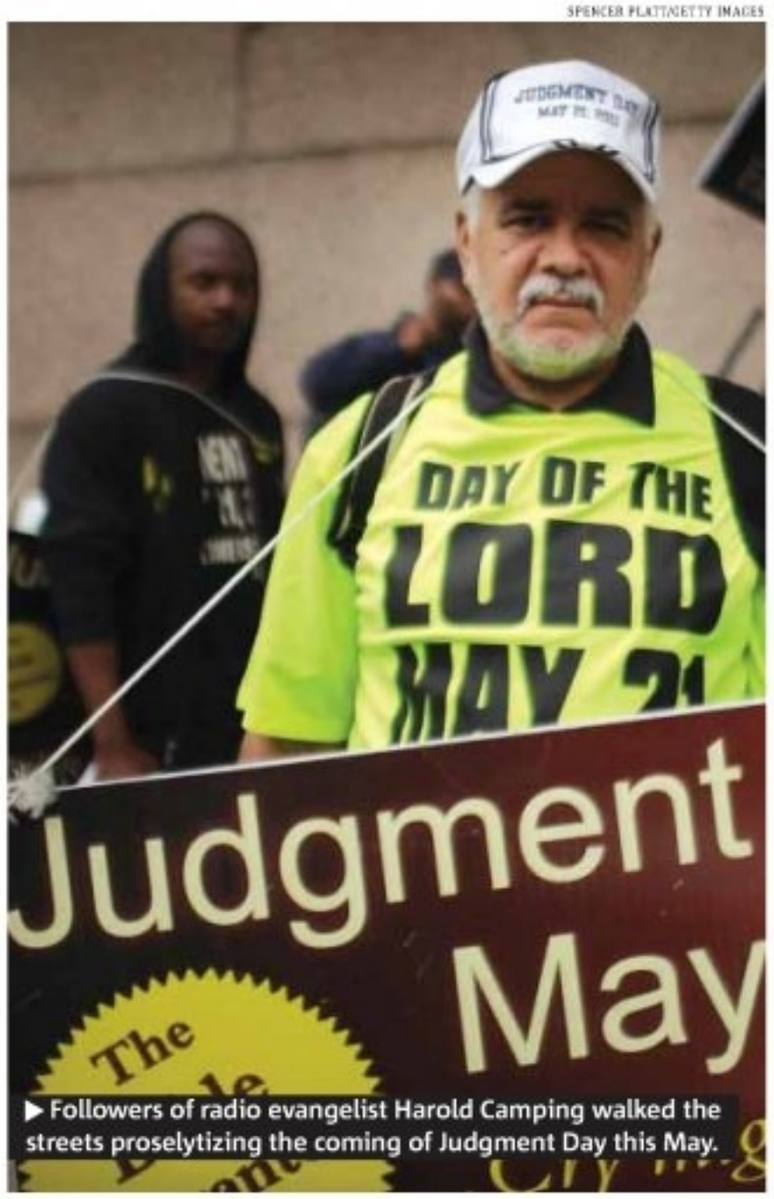

▶ Followers of radio evangelist Harold Camping walked the streets proselytizing the coming of Judgment Day this May.

Cain funds go toward own book

WASHINGTON. Republican presidential contender Herman Cain used campaign funds to buy his own books from his motivational speaking company, Federal Election Commission records show.

Although his autobiography was published by a division of Simon & Schuster, Cain paid T.H.E New Voice Inc. $36,511 for books. His campaign spent $4 million through Sept. 30, including more than $64,000 paid to his motivational speaking company for airfare, lodging, supplies and the books.

Cain's autobiography, "This is Herman Cain! My Journey to the White House," made its debut during the weekend in fourth place on The New York Times best-seller list. The FEC has let campaigns buy candidates' books as long as they don't profit by the sale. BLOOMBERG

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Sgt. Shalit returns home to Israel in Palestinian swap

Israeli soldier Gilad Shalit and hundreds of Palestinians crossed Israel's borders in opposite directions yesterday as a thousand-for-one prisoner swap brought joy to families but did little to ease decades of conflict.

In one of the biggest ever such exchanges between the two sides, a pale and gaunt Sgt. Shalit was flown to his parents' home in northern Israel after more than five years held incommunicado by Hamas in the Gaza Strip, while a first 477 of over 1,000 Palestinians to be released under the bargain left Israeli jails for Gaza, the West Bank and abroad.

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▶ Shalit is greeted by Israeli PM Benjamin Netanyahu.

Flag-waving crowds greeted long unseen loved ones as heroes and uncompromising talk on either side left few illusions for world leaders who urged Israel and the divided Palestinian factions to build on the long-awaited bargain brokered by Germany and Egypt to reopen wider peace negotiations.

In an interview with Egyptian television as he passed through on his way from Gaza, a visibly weak and dazed Shalit, 25, said of 5,000 Palestinians who remain in Israeli jails: "I hope this deal will promote peace between Israel and the Palestinians."

But, while leaders made mildly conciliatory comments about each other's role in achieving the deal, there was no sign of warmth across the frontline of the struggle for land and security between Palestinians and Israel. REUTERS

▶ "Infinity" was submitted by Miguel Julio.

Photo Challenge picture of the day

Congratulations to Miguel Julio, winner of Monday's Photo of the Day theme: movement. Today's theme is fun. To enter your photos on today's theme and for more information, visit www.metrophotochallenge.com.

RIM's new BBX OS unveiled

SAN FRANCISCO. Research In Motion will introduce souped-up operating software for its BlackBerry smartphone and PlayBook tablet designed to make both more formidable competitors to Apple and Google devices.

At a developers conference in San Francisco, the Canadian company said yesterday it would install its new BBX platform in next-generation devices but provided no timetable. REUTERS

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▶ Does Starbucks CEO Howard Schultz prefer blondes?

Starbucks brews light blonde roast, seeks new visitors

Starbucks Corp is going "Blonde," expanding its coffee lineup with its lightest roast to date in a move aimed at wooing more customers and capturing a bigger share of the U.S. coffee market.

The world's biggest coffee company is known for its dark roasts, which have prompted some critics to say the chain's coffee tastes burned or bitter.

The new, lighter roast unveiled yesterday is milder in body and acidity than Starbucks' traditional coffees. Executives said customers had been asking for a lighter roast, and they expect Blonde to appeal to a broad audience.

$5.6B

The U.S. packaged coffee category is valued at $5.6 billion. Starbucks shares gained 2 percent to $41.99 yesterday.

Mass-market competitors McDonald's Corp. and Dunkin' Donuts offer milder brewed coffees and in recent years have added lattes, mochas and other sorts of "fancy" espresso drinks popularized by Starbucks.

"This is a significant opportunity for Starbucks to gain a greater share of the brewed coffee market — both in our stores and down the coffee aisle," Cliff Burrows, president of Starbucks Americas, said in a statement.

According to Starbucks research, more than 40 percent of U.S. coffee drinkers — or about 54 million consumers — prefer a lighter roast coffee, Jeff Hansberry, president of channel development for Starbucks, told Reuters.

REUTERS

Viacom, Google duke it out

NEW YORK. Viacom Inc. told an appeals court that Google's YouTube willfully violated copyrights by letting users post videos of copyrighted television shows and movies without authorization.

Both sides presented oral arguments yesterday before the U.S. Appeals Court in Manhattan. YouTube told the court it removed infringing videos from the site when notified.

Viacom sued YouTube in 2007, claiming the site's users were illegally uploading thousands of videos of Viacom programs such as "South Park" and "The Daily Show." The entertainment company sought $1 billion in damages. BLOOMBERG

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THE WORD

Metro's **Dorothy Robinson** shares her take on the world of gossip @dorothyatmetro dorothy.robinson@metro.us

Soulja Boy arrested in Georgia

It's going to take a lot of fancy footwork for **Soulja Boy** to get out of this mess.

TMZ.com reports that the "Crank That" superstar (real name DeAndre Cortez Way) was busted for weed possession by Temple Police Department officers in Temple, Ga. early Tuesday morning.

Apparently, the car service Escalade the 21-year-old was riding in was pulled over for a traffic violation. The vehicle was then searched, and police found a "substantial amount of marijuana and cash inside the vehicle." The rapper, along with four other men who were in the car with him, were arrested on charges of possession of marijuana, possession with intent to distribute and possession of a firearm during the commission of a crime.

The site reports there "was roughly $70,000 in cash and drugs" in the car — as well as a gun.

Soulja Boy, seen attending the BET Awards earlier this month, is in trouble.

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DOROTHY ROBINSON'S WORD BLOG

▶ This face just asks for a beating, apparently.

LaBeouf gets punched yet again

Honestly, **Shia LaBeouf** gets into more fights than a gaggle of drunk Southies. The "Transformers" star got into yet another brawl at Cinema Public House in Vancouver last week, according to Radar Online. "He got into a confrontation with a couple of people. He took a few punches to the face. He was obviously pretty intoxicated," a source says. The actor and another patron were reportedly bounced from the establishment, but their altercation continued on the street until both could be restrained. TMZ.com has a clip of the fight (of course they do) and you can see a man tearing off his shirt before punching LaBeouf. It's refreshing to know people other than me want to punch him.

The feed ...

▶ Checking in with some of Hollywood's biggest names to see what they've been up to — in their own words, in 140 characters or fewer.

Joel McHale would appreciate some shade, Jessica Simpson enjoys football fashion, Victoria Beckham is dishing out snack advice and Seth MacFarlane is having trouble with religion.

▶ **@joelmchale**
Dear Sun, I get it. You win. Uncle.

▶ **@JessicaSimpson**
I like the Patriots socks

▶ **@victoriabeckham**
healthy snack! Real, fruit sorbet.....freeze single, red grapes, put in small zip lock bags, eat fresh from the freezer x VB

▶ **@SethMacFarlane**
The Bible confuses me sometimes, 'cause I can never figure out which members of the family can understand God.

Victoria Beckham

Talking points

Clooney debuts new girlfriend

While they've previously acknowledged their new relationship, **George Clooney** and girlfriend **Stacy Keibler** made their red carpet debut, posing for photos together at the New York Film Festival premiere of his new film, "The Descendants," according to Hollyscoop. While Keibler previously competed on "Dancing with the Stars," Clooney swore he'd never be a contestant. "I'm a terrible dancer," he said.

▶ Stacy Keibler and George Clooney made their first red carpet appearance in New York.

'Hannah Montana' DUI arrest

Mitchel Musso, the 20-year-old former "Hannah Montana" actor, was arrested for driving under the influence earlier this week, according to TMZ. Musso was pulled over after failing to slow down for police who were directing traffic at an intersection. According to the police report, officers approached Musso's 2007 black Mercedes Benz and detected a "strong odor of alcohol." Musso was administered a Breathalyzer and tested "well above" the legal limit.

Sarandon vs. Pope Benedict XVI

Susan Sarandon is taking on **Pope Benedict XVI**. While discussing "Dead Man Walking" at the Hamptons Film Festival, Sarandon had some unkind words for the head of the Catholic Church, according to Newsday. Sarandon explained that she'd sent a copy of the book upon which the film was based — which advocates against the death penalty — to the pontiff. "The last one," Sarandon clarified, "not this Nazi one we have now."

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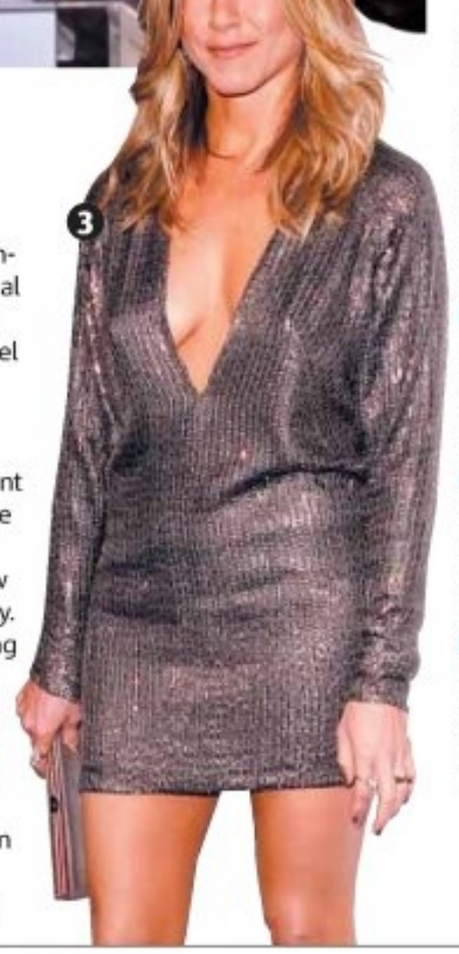

Let's hear it for the girls!

▶ **1.** Barbra Streisand spoke onstage during ELLE's 18th annual Women in Hollywood Tribute event at the Four Seasons Hotel in Beverly Hills on Monday.
▶ **2.** Making her first appearance since reports of Ashton Kutcher's infidelity went public, a very thin Demi Moore walked the red carpet at the New York premiere of her new film, "Margin Call," on Monday. And yes, she wore her wedding ring.
▶ **3.** Jennifer Aniston wore a plunging dress at ELLE's 18th annual Women in Hollywood Tribute.
▶ **4.** Across the Atlantic, Queen Elizabeth II (looking great at 85!) delivered a speech as she opened the Round Square International Conference at Wellington College in England on Monday.
▶ **5.** Katy Perry and her mother-in-law Barbara Brand attended "Ghost the Musical" at the Piccadilly Theatre in London on Monday.
▶ **6.** Jennifer Lopez promoted her exclusive fashion and home collection for Kohl's Department Stores at Mohegan Sun on Tuesday in Uncasville, Conn.
▶ **7.** Mary Kate Olsen attended The New York Academy of Art's 20th annual "Take Home a Nude" benefit at Sotheby's in New York City on Monday.

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▶ "Trespass" is available on On Demand now.

Feels so good to be so bad

Cam Gigandet doesn't mind being the villain, once again, in 'Trespass'

Mr. Nice Guy, he's not. If anything, 29-year-old actor Cam Gigandet has cultivated quite a reputation for playing bad guys, and he prefers it that way. The star of "Twilight" and "Priest" makes his next appearance with "Trespass," a home-invasion thriller that pits his character and two other accomplices against a rich couple (played by Nicole Kidman and Nicholas Cage) whose house they hope to rob for millions. Gigandet explained why playing the bad guy is so satisfying for him.

In this film, as in many others, you end up playing the bad guy. Why do you always get these parts?

I enjoy it the most. I think there just seems to be more to grab onto, I guess. You can use your imagination a little bit more — whereas if they're a good guy or heroes, they have to abide by a strict set of rules and to this day I haven't been able to figure out how to work around those.

What are the key differences from playing, say, an evil vampire in "Twilight" and a desperate robber in "Trespass"?

I prefer "Trespass," and I had a good time on "Twilight." We were all so new and young to the experience. Even our director at the time [Catherine Hardwicke] was new to directing, so it was a little haphazard how we shot.

While rehearsing for "Trespass," did anyone have stories about having their house robbed?

Surprisingly a lot of people have had this happen. Even Nicolas Cage had someone end up in his bedroom when he was sleeping and they were naked or had a popsicle. I haven't gotten to that place yet, but I think I'm protected enough with my mace and baseball bat.

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TV watch list

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'Pretty Little Liars'

DRAMA. The besties of "PLL" — including a still-living Alison, as this special flashback episode is set before she vanished — get glammed up as a witch, Mary Queen of Scots, Pocahontas, Britney Spears and Lady Gaga. Expect plenty of tricks and treats as fans get a better look at some of the secrets these girls have long been hiding. **8 p.m., ABC Family**

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▶ Rosewood's most powerful clique celebrates Halloween on "Pretty Little Liars."

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‘Mummies of the World’ wrapping up

- The exhibit leaves the Franklin Institute after this weekend
- Producer Marc Corwin on what we can learn from the collection

▶ The exhibit includes Egyptian mummies as well as bodies preserved unintentionally due to environmental conditions.

Mummies are a tricky subset of the undead. Firmly entrenched in pop culture, they’re a horror film mainstay with plenty of screen credits. But unlike vampires or ghosts, mummies also exist in this world and once walked the Earth as human beings with families and communities. Maybe too PC of a concern to influence your Halloween costume, but when you’re in the museum business, there’s a delicate balance of entertainment and education to address.

“There is an ethical question that you have to ask: ‘What is the reason that we would exhibit human remains? What is the true value and purpose?’” says Marc Corwin, CEO of American Exhibitions and producer of “Mummies of the World.” “Our answer was that by studying ancient peoples and mummies, we’re able to learn about their civilizations and lives and cultures.”

On view at the Franklin Institute through Sunday, the exhibit features the largest collection of mummies and related artifacts ever assembled, with contributions from seven European cities and 21 loaning organizations. Included are intentionally mummified bodies — some along with pets to keep them company in the afterlife — and those such as the Orlovits family, who died of tuberculosis in

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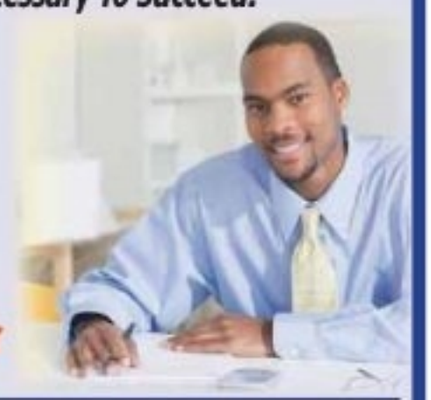
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If you go

"Mummies of the World" runs through Oct. 23 at the Franklin Institute; late-night flashlight tours are being held on Friday evening from 9 p.m. to 11 p.m. For more info, visit www.fi.edu.

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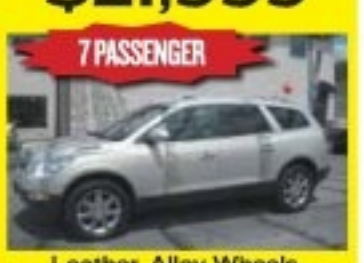

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Mary Timony on the comedown after Helium and how she found joy in music again ◗ How one phone call led to an indie rock supergroup of sorts

When Mary Timony speaks of playing with her bandmates in Wild Flag, she frequently uses the word "free." She talks about how not singing on every song frees her up to play more guitar, how she isn't bogged down with complicated guitar parts on the songs she does sing — and how halfway into recording Wild Flag's self-titled debut, she realized that a lot of what she was singing about was how much fun it is to play in a band.

"Basically, every song has lyrics about music, and maybe having lost music and coming back to it, or just needing music in your life," she says.

Timony readily acknowledges that this positivity was never really a theme for her with Helium or in her solo work.

"The lyrics aren't depressing for once," she laughs. "For me, how lyrics get written, they describe how the music sounds."

And the music that led to these lyrics is indeed far from depressing. Timony's guitar and voice interlock with those of Carrie Brownstein. Drummer Janet Weiss wails on the kit behind them, and keyboardist Rebecca Cole fills in the gaps with swells of organ. But arriving at this optimism was no easy journey for Timony.

"I had been doing solo records for all of my 30s, and the last one I did, I felt super burnt out on it," she says. "I wasn't making any money off of it, which makes it hard to keep doing."

Timony gave up playing her own music for a year, instead focusing on her 20 guitar students in Washington, D.C. But when the call came to play with Wild Flag, she says she knew it was right. She already respected these three women from their former bands — Brownstein and Weiss were in Sleater-Kinney and Cole played with the Minders.

"When they called me to play with them, I was really happy," she says, "because I had this feeling that was just going to allow me to do music again."

"I think I needed to just totally decide I was going to stop doing it to really start doing it and enjoying it. You realize what you love about it when you lose something."
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Should you get a flu shot?

You're not ready for sniffle season until you get one, expert says Plus: Does the vaccine give you the flu?

With unseasonably warm weather bathing the Northeast in a sense of summery security, it's been hard to imagine that the winter flu season is already upon us. However, October through March is the official period when influenza strikes most, well, virulently.

"You should get your flu shot as early as you can," warns Boston-based CVS pharmacist Minh Do, PharmD. "That allows your immune system time to build up antibodies." Your body makes these proteins to fight bacteria and diseases.

It takes approximately 14 days for flu shots to become effective, so if you happen to catch the bug right after your shot, it's not because of the vaccine itself.

Who's at risk?

Do says the vaccine "is the best way to protect yourself against the flu virus, particularly for people who are more vulnerable." Those most vulnerable to getting the virus include:

- Anyone with a weakened immune system
- Children under six
- Pregnant women and their husbands
- Nursing professionals
- Elderly people over 65

"You are not instantly protected right when you get the flu shot," Do continues. "You can never, ever get the flu virus from the flu shot. You might have already gotten the flu, but you may not have exhibited the symptoms until a few days later."

The World Health Organization has predicted that this season's strain will be the same as last winter's, but that doesn't mean that last year's shot is still good.

"Flu shots have a lifespan of four to six months. You need to get another one this year," says Do.

The standard flu shot also includes immunization against the H1N1 (so-called "swine flu") virus, but it won't protect against other yet-unknown flu strains.

"The WHO tries to predict the seasonal flu vaccine for the upcoming season, so it takes about six months to produce the appropriate vaccine based on the research of thousands of strains out there," Do says. "The WHO recommends which three flu viruses to be included in the seasonal flu vaccine to the FDA, and then the FDA determines which vaccine goes into production, which takes six months. In the next few months they'll be predicting the next flu strains for the upcoming 2012 season. So it's a long, long process."

DIGITAL VISION

▶ If you get your flu shot, you're less likely to wind up like this guy.

Flu shot locations

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The flu's impact

According to Walgreens, last flu season, many Americans' social lives were interrupted by the flu:

- More than 600,000 graduations were missed
- More than 1 million weddings weren't attended
- Nearly 5 million holiday celebrations were missed
- More than 3 million vacations were changed
- More than 5 million sporting events were missed

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Time to consider a career change?

The question

I have a successful career in finance, but I find it unfulfilling. I work absurdly long hours and I've noticed that I'm not performing as I should. I'm in my 30s and would like to do something where I can make a difference in people's lives. I'm thinking of teaching, but I'm not sure about the day-to-day. I'm also concerned about going from making more than $100,000 a year to much less and going back to school. My wife works, but I feel I should be the breadwinner.

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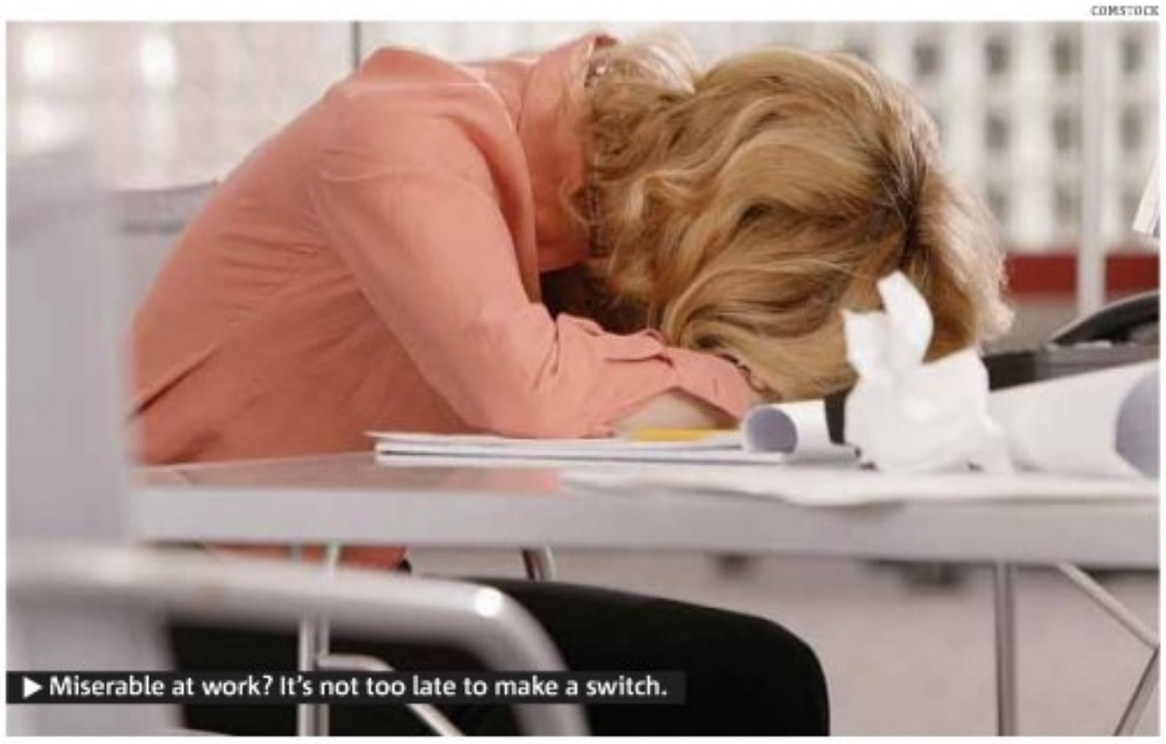

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You're anxious about whether a new career is right; that's normal. Do your homework. Meet with a school's admissions committee to learn about the application process and course requirements, and talk to professionals in the field. Get a clear sense of a teacher's daily workload. Explore programs for professionals wishing to start a second career as a teacher. You'll be looked at very favorably, as you'll bring a body of knowledge and real-life experience into the classroom.

Your concerns about money are legitimate, as you'll be taking a cut. Think about what's most important: Is it making several hundred thousand despite working "absurdly long hours," or is it doing something rewarding and having time to enjoy your family, even if it means less money? Sure, you might have to modify your lifestyle — but in the end, I suspect that enjoying time with loved ones will win out over a huge bank account.

As for your need to be the breadwinner: That's something you'll have to reconcile with your ego and the fact that it's 2011, not 1950. Consider yourself lucky.

– Jonathan Alpert is a licensed psychotherapist. E-mail him your questions at jonathan@jonathanalpert.com

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Protesters have no clue

RE: "US PROTESTS CALL, LONDON PICKS UP": Metro asked three London protesters why they were protesting; none could answer the question. They spoke in generalizations and abstractions like "raising awareness" and who is portrayed in the media. But they never said why. Considering that the Brits have cradle-to-grave health care and often "go on the dole" when they are unemployed, it's surprising that they have any reason to protest at all.
FRANK GIALLOMBARD, VIA E-MAIL

GOP: Grand Oil Patrons

The Republican-controlled House of Representatives is pushing for what? More oil drilling and using the Gulf spill to push for more land drilling everywhere. Drilling does not create jobs for ordinary people, just oil industry insiders.
ANTONIO BENJAMIN, VIA E-MAIL

Obama wants to destroy us

RE: "PRESIDENT BLASTS GOP JOBS BLOCKS": This president is using our country as a credit card with no limit. We have a national debt of $14.8 trillion and he wants to pass a jobs bill for $477 billion? Where is he getting this money? What he needs to do is create incentives for companies to bring their manufacturing back to the states.
RYAN HANDREN, VIA E-MAIL

The president is cramming green energy down our throats. That is because unions are major contributors to the Democrat party, and he is hellbent on destroying our energy industry because he's afraid of the environmental radicals showing they are more radical than he.
JOHN SANGENARIO, VIA E-MAIL

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Where is your outrage now?

The complacent attitude from many of the clear anti-Semitic remarks and signs in many, many of these OWS protests all over the country is sickening. Look on many websites for proof of these remarks. If any one of these were about blacks, gays or Muslims, there would be outrage from all sides. **JOAN HAZLET, VIA E-MAIL**

Forget Mitt; how's Hussein?

If only the media could recognize its corruption. They are so concerned about the Mormon background of Romney, yet completely ignored the Muslim background of our own President Hussein Obama. **BILL DUNCAN, VIA E-MAIL**

Horoscope

♎ Libra **Sept. 23-Oct. 23.** Take care not to let your anger out on an innocent bystander if you are outmaneuvered on an important matter. Count to 10 before opening your mouth.
♏ Scorpio **Oct. 24-Nov. 22.** Maintain mental discipline regardless of what happens to throw you off. Underestimating the value of essential elements in your endeavors could cause you to unravel.
♐ Sagittarius **Nov. 23-Dec. 21.** Keep both your social and business contacts separate and, above all, avoid all speculative arrangements with friends. If things don't go the way they should, you'll be to blame.
♑ Capricorn **Dec. 22-Jan. 19.** Taking on more objectives or projects that you can comfortably manage is self-defeating, so don't gamble on your workload. Dedicate yourself to only one or two targets.
♒ Aquarius **Jan. 20-Feb. 19.** Don't be coerced into putting your signature on something that you're hesitant about. What you agree to might be deliberately distorted.
♓ Pisces **Feb. 20-March 20.** It behooves you to be self-reliant, because people upon whom you depend might make promises they later find they can't keep.
♈ Aries **March 21-April 19.** If you're a bit slow and your thinking isn't quite as sharp as it usually is, forgo attempting to match wits with an adversary. Back off until a riper time.
♉ Taurus **April 20-May 20.** Look before you leap when attempting to handle a complex assignment. You could easily misread something and end up making your task twice as hard to accomplish.
♊ Gemini **May 21-June 20.** There is a strong chance that some social plans you've been looking forward to will get canceled or postponed. Be prepared with some backup plans.
♋ Cancer **June 21-July 22.** It's never smart to allow someone who can be dead weight into an arrangement where you and several others are aiming for a specific target. He or she is likely to hold you back once again.
♌ Leo **July 23-Aug. 22.** There is one thing that could cause you much disarray, and that is proceeding forward on an idea without laying out a proper game plan. Take a moment to formulate one.
♍ Virgo **Aug. 23-Sept. 22.** Unless you are prudent in the management of your resources, you're not likely to have the financial wherewithal to make ends meet when you really need to. **BERNICE BEDE OSOL**

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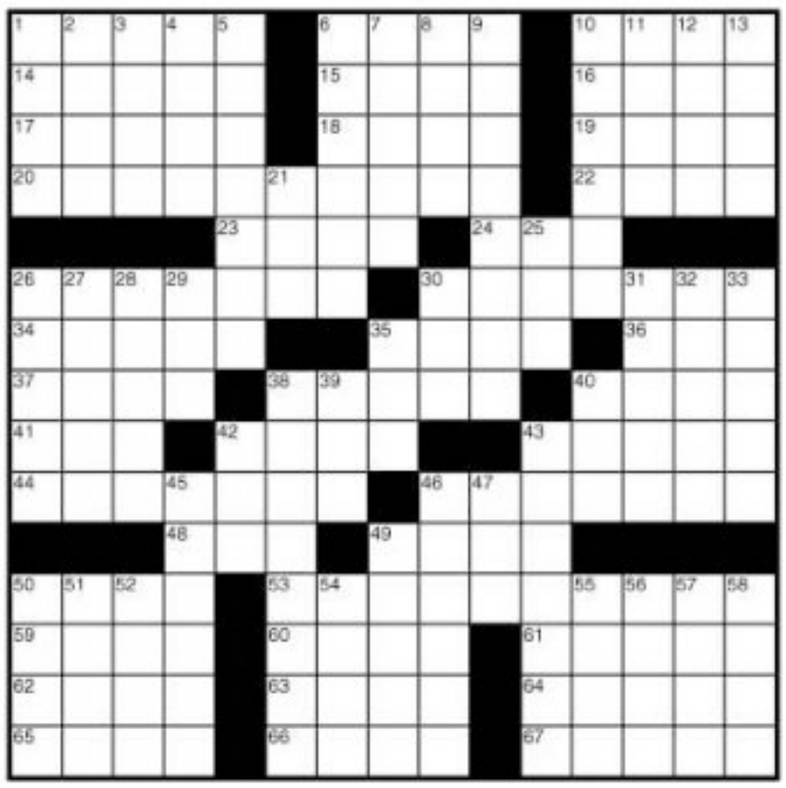

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Solution to yesterday's crossword

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Sixers owning the moment, now win

Harris-led group completes sale, takes over franchise ◐ Will Smith gets stake in hometown team ◐ New owners vow to improve fan experience

RIKARD LARMA/METRO

▶ Joshua Harris, left, and Adam Aron, right, are determined to revive one the most storied franchises in NBA history.

With their lone two NBA championship banners as a backdrop, a new era of Sixers basketball got under way yesterday at center court of the Palestra.

That's where 46-year-old Joshua Harris, a Penn grad, took over the reins of a franchise that hasn't produced a winning season since 2005. Harris is a part of an ownership group that includes 14 other investors, including actors Will Smith and his wife, Jada Pinkett Smith. The reported sale price is approximately $280 million.

While they vow their sole purpose is to return the Sixers to glory, there is one immediate roadblock: the NBA lockout, which has already led to cancellation of the first two weeks of the season, while leaving the entire season in limbo.

Yet Harris and new Sixers CEO Adam Aron, who grew up in Abington, don't seem fazed by it.

"We have a lot of work to do," said Harris. "We need to make a lot of positive changes. Improve the fan experience. The fact that the external situation could be a little tougher than we would like, that's not something we can control. But what we can control what we do."

Aron announced the Sixers will be slashing ticket prices on nearly 9,000 seats in the Wells Fargo Center, ranging as high as 56 percent for some mezzanine seats (down from $45 to $20). Seats in the lower bowl that went for $54 will go for $29. Season ticket holders were already getting a reduced rate and won't reap any benefits.

"We are getting a storied franchise at a time where we were able to get what we think is an appropriate deal for the team," Harris said. "We think we are able to participate in breathing new life in to the team."

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New era

Harris insisted buying the Sixers was more than just a financial investment. The following changes are already in progress:

- **Passionate. Intense. Proud.** is the franchise's new slogan. The Sixers will be "world class" and "cutting edge" in everything they do, according to Harris.
- **Cheaper tickets.** Single-game ticket prices have been reduced on more than 8,800 seats, including 51 percent of the seating in the open lower and mezzanine bowls.
- **Open letter to fans.** The team is e-mailing an open letter to all season ticket holders and also posting it on SIXERS.COM.
- **Our ears are open.** There is also a new website at NewSixersOwner.com. The first 1,776 fans to post "intriguing" comments will win complimentary tickets. "I personally look forward to reading each and every single one of our fans' comments," said new CEO Adam Aron.

First step: Stefanski out as GM

Joshua Harris and Adam Aron refused to discuss the lockout, but did reveal they were cutting ties with GM Ed Stefanski.

That means team president Rod Thorn will be in charge of day-to-day operations, with Doug Collins in charge of basketball.

But for both Harris and Aron, the key to success is two-fold.

"I've been involved with the turnaround of three companies," said Aron, 57, former chairman and CEO of Vail Ski Resorts and former president and CEO of Norwegian Cruise Lines. "The common bond that turned it around was that in each case management was focused 100 percent on two things: their customers, in our case the fans, and making the product excellent." ● JON MARKS

In the NFL

McNabb benched in Minnesota

Donovan McNabb just can't catch a break. The former Eagles QB has been benched in favor of rookie Christian Ponder, according to NFL.com. The Vikings, at 1-5, are struggling and are coming off a 39-10 defeat against Chicago. ● METRO

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Harrison returns to nest, Brown shipped to Detroit

It wasn't the splash some expected, but at least it filled a need.

The Eagles sent running back Ronnie Brown to Detroit in exchange for running back Jerome Harrison and a seventh-round draft pick in 2013, just before yesterday's 4 p.m. trade deadline.

"I'm excited to be back," Harrison said. "The week off will be huge to get back in the playbook and start hearing the terminology again."

239
Rushing yards on 40 carries last season for Harrison in eight games for the Eagles.

Harrison, 28, was sent to the Eagles at last year's trade deadline (Oct. 13) from Cleveland in exchange for Mike Bell.

"Jerome fits a zone scheme. He has good vision [and] instincts, [he] runs downhill and has quick feet," GM Howie Roseman said.

Harrison gained 239 yards on 40 carries for the Birds last season. He had just 41 yards on 14 carries this season for the Lions.

Meanwhile, the Eagles reportedly shopped cornerback Asante Samuel and couldn't find any takers. There was also a report that said the Oakland Raiders inquired about backup QB Vince Young.

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▶ Harrison returns to back up LeSean McCoy.

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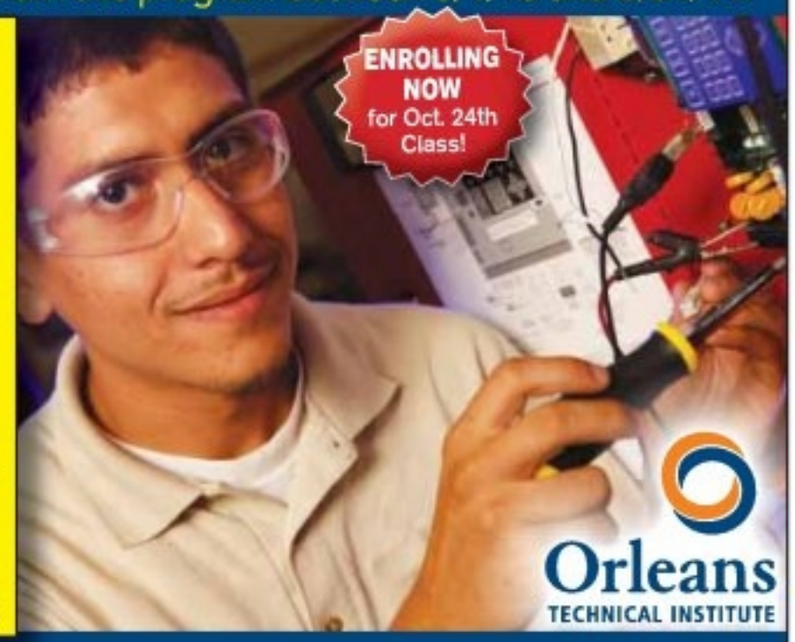

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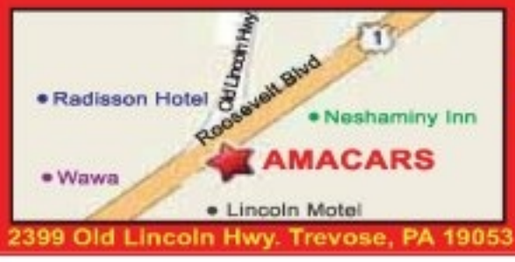

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9 Texas favorites — Tradition aside, the Rangers are heavily favored. They're going off somewhere around -160, to the Cards' +140.

8 Wild shot — St. Louis is trying to join the 2004 Red Sox, 2003 Marlins, 2002 Angels and 1997 Marlins as the only wild cards to win it.

7 WAR horses — According to Baseball-reference.com's WAR statistic, Mike Napoli (5.5 wins above replacement) is the Series' most valuable player. Albert Pujols (5.4) is second.

6 Start me up — St. Louis' Chris Carpenter (11-9, 3.49 ERA) and Texas' C.J. Wilson (16-7, 2.94) are expected to start Game 1.

5 Pitching in — Texas' starters posted an atrocious 6.59 ERA in the ALCS. The only time an ALCS-winning rotation posted a higher ERA was the 1977 Yankees' 7.25.

4 New Bash Brothers? — Texas has a chance to become the first team to win the Series the year after losing it since the 1989 A's. That Oakland team was managed by Tony LaRussa — the Cardinals' boss now.

3 Busy in the bullpen — The St. Louis bullpen was only mediocre in the regular season, posting a 3.95 ERA. But it excelled in the NLCS, pitching more total innings than the Cardinals' starters and putting up a sterling 1.58 ERA. The notoriously matchup-obsessed LaRussa made a record 28 pitching changes, breaking his own NLCS record.

2 Red hot — Relatively unheralded NLCS MVP David Freese enters the Series on an unreal streak. He's hit safely in 10 straight games, with five doubles, four HRs and 14 RBIs in the postseason. ALCS MVP Nelson Cruz, meanwhile, has six playoff dingers.

1 Doing without — Both teams are here despite losing key members of their rotation. Cliff Lee departed Texas as an offseason free agent, and St. Louis' Adam Wainwright blew out his right elbow way back in February.

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Artist Annie Sklaver's 3-D paper-cut portraits are putting a unique spin on the usual family composition

Family photographs are a beautiful thing — how else can you capture such singular moments in life? But Brooklyn artist Annie Sklaver is elevating their beauty with her unique paper-cut portraits. As she describes them, her works are "carefully crafted 3-D portraits based on a photograph using a collage of patterns, colors and shapes and shadows to evoke a particular moment in time."

What makes her work different is that while they capture the essence of the moment, they're beautifully simple. "The portraits don't have facial features or small details, so my clients are always amazed when their portrait looks exactly like them and has so much emotion," the 27-year-old says. "I use shadows very carefully to capture movement and depth, and the 3-D aspect really allows the portrait to come alive in the frame."

She continues: "Since I focus on body language, and the way people lean on each other, you see the little things that are unique to that specific relationship. All of a sudden you notice how they position themselves in relation to each other, and the image becomes a lot more intimate."

The burgeoning artist currently works on her commissions after getting home from her day job as a market researcher.

"This is a side project, but it channels a creative energy that I will always feel," she says. "Someday, I hope it'll lead me to illustrate a children's book — or a lot of children's books."

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Real estate

Looking to spend some serious time in Manayunk? The average listing price for the area is $253,059, while the median sales price is $168,000, according to real estate website Trulia.com. Currently, there are 199 homes for sale, with 85 recently sold. METRO

▶ Not up for "The Wall"? The popular biking destination also offers a scenic, much less intense canal-side path.

B. KRIST FOR GPTMC

Halloween in the 'Yunk

For little ones, Manayunk shops and businesses will host day-time trick-or-treating on Oct. 29 from noon to 4 p.m. As for that night, neighborhood mainstay Manayunk Brewery (4120 Main St.) is hosting their annual two-floor "Ghost and Goblins" party. METRO

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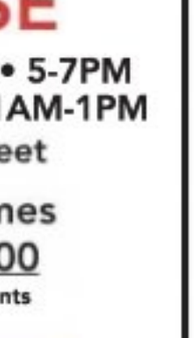

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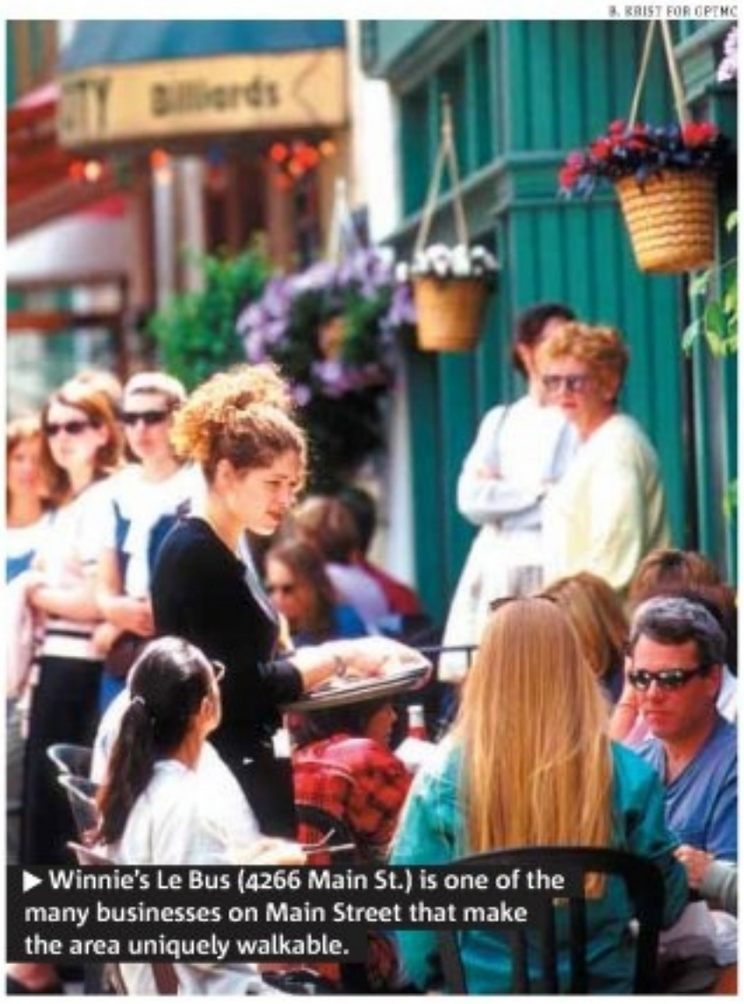

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The name "Manayunk" comes from a Lenni Lenape Indian word that translates roughly to "where we go to drink." While that was a reference to its gorgeous location on the Schuylkill, the neighborhood lives up to its name by boasting some 30-plus restaurants and bars.

Along with that, Manayunk is home to 50 boutiques and more than 20 home furnishing stores.

"In Manayunk, you have the option to shop, dine and drink all in one area," says Caitlin Maloney, the marketing and events coordinator at the Manayunk Development Corporation. "Ninety-nine percent of the businesses in Manayunk are independently owned and operated. When you go into a store, you will most likely be talking to the owner."

This month, Manayunk kicked off First Friday events for the community. Local shop, restaurant and gallery owners will be opening their establishments and welcoming guests to explore what Manayunk has to offer year-round. Pay a visit next time on Nov. 4.

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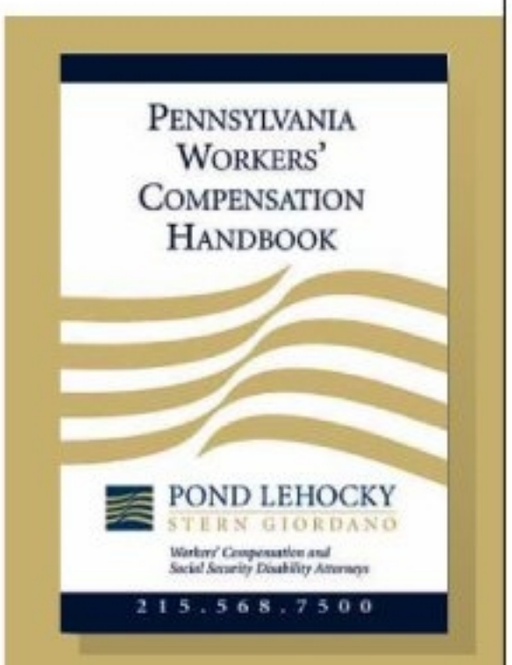

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